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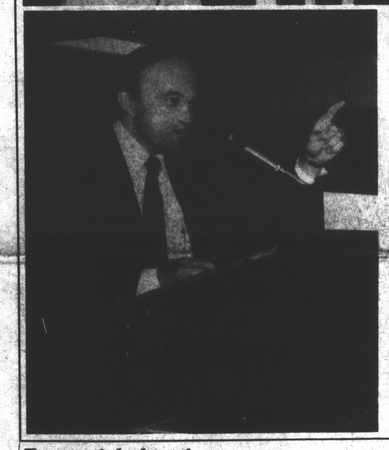


Chamber Event

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL membership meeting of the Appomattox COunty Chamber of Commerce featured Dr. Charles Ben Bissel, noted public speaker, writer and counselor. The audience thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Bissel's talk, which dealt with the importance of positive approaches in life. The meeting also featured "Teacher of the Year" awards from the Chamber of Commerce to three teachers in Appomattox County Schools. Shown above are Victor Meadows from Appomattox Middle School, and Dora Turner, from Appomattox Elementary School, receiving custom plates and honorary certificates of membership from Chamber representative Steve Marshall. Mary Turner, who was selected as Teacher of the Year at Appomattox County High School, was out of town when the awards were presented. (Photos by Allen Austin)

For October event

Festival plans progress

Plans for the 11th annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival to be held on October 8 and 9, 1983, are well underway.

The kick-off parade on Saturday morning is shaping up to be the best ever, with Jeff Taylor from WSET-TV as head conductor. The Clark Family will be grand marshalls and will give a country music performance following the ceremonies at the depot.

Outstanding festival events will include the Joe Sweeney Classic 10 K Foot Race; a full-contact karate match; "Good Ole Days" demonstrations: fireworks display; and the street dance. Three new features being added this year are an antique show; a fireman's competition and helicopter rides.

And of course there will be more arts and crafts exhibits, contests, music, games, rides and lots of food.

Anyone interested in the festival, plan to attend the board meeting at the town office on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Swimming program set

Plans are complete for an American Red Cross-certified swimming lessons program this summer, according to Julie Coffman, of the Appomattox County Recreation Department.

Through a cooperative agreement with the Holiday Lake 4-H Camp, the Appomattox County School Board and the recreation department, county citizens will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of swimmning classes this summer at the 4-H camp pool.

Julie Franklin, a basic swimming instructor, will teach classes for toddlers, beginners and intermediate swimmers. Successful participants will receive an American Red Cross certificate.

The classes are offered at no charge, but there will be a $10 fee for transportation by bus to and from Holiday Lake. The classes will be taught from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a period of two weeks.

The following courses will be offered the next two months:

Intermediate swimming - age 8 and up - 12:30 pm. to 1:30 p.m., July 18-28. This course will teach students the elements of good swimming. The bus will be at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center at 11:45 a.m. and will leave promptly at noon. All swimming students must ride the bus to and from the pool.

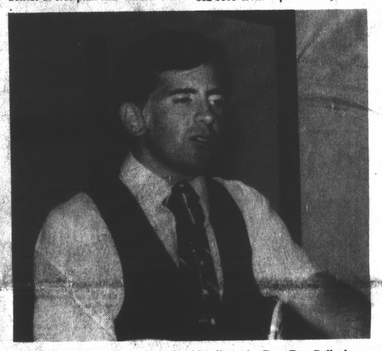
Toddler's class - ages 3-5 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Aug. 1-11. Students will be introduced to basic swimming skills. Parents are welcome to ride along, but are not required to get in the water.

Beginner's Class - age 6 and up - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Aug. 15-25. This course will equip students with basic water safety skills and knowledge in order to make them reasonably safe while in, on or around the water.

Family swims will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from July 19 to Aug. 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A parent must accompany each child. The fee will be $10 per family.

The bus for the family swim will be at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center at 4:45 p.m. and will leave at 5 p.m. All families must ride the bus.

To register for these classes call Bob Hudson at 352-2645 from 8 a.m. to noon, or Julie Franklin at 352-5155 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



LOOKING TIRED BUT continuing his effort, the Rev. Ron Gallagher moved ever closer to his new world record for preaching last week. Gallagher, pastor at Appomattox Baptist Temple, preached 122 hours from June 28 through July 1 to establish the new record. (Photo by Frances Paulette)

School Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Wednesday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the School Board office.

Along with the normal monthly reports, the meeting will include election of a chairman and vice chairman of the school board for 1983-84, consideration of a student insurance contract for 1983-84, and a report on the rural school effectiveness workshop.

For special education

Advisory committee formed

The Appomattox County School Board has announced the names of persons who have been appointed to membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee for 1983-84.

The functions of the Committee include advising the local school division of unmet needs in the education of handicapped children and assisting in the long-range planning for these children. Each year they participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs. Periodic reports and recommendations are submitted through the division superintendent to the local school board. An important function is to assist in interpreting to the community plans for meeting the special needs of handicapped children for educational services.

Committee members for the current year are Mr. Bruce Williams, Miss Terri Barron, Mrs. Judy Taylor, Mrs. Eva Moore, Mrs. Brenda Richardson, Mrs. Danny Rogers, Mrs. Wayne Shoemaker, Mr. Harrison West, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Nancy Woods, Mr. Raymond Lukehart, Mrs. Cecil Nash, Mrs. Ann Reynolds, Mr. Bob Jamerson, Mrs. Jane Wright, Mrs. Ruby Williamson. Ex officio members are Mrs. Henrietta Johnson, Mr. Daniel Davis, Mrs. Dorinda Saxton, Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, and Mrs. Jean A. Hesson.

Parents of students receiving special education services and interested citizens in the community are urged to call or write to these persons expressing their views. Committee members provide valuable contributions as an advisory group to the School Board, which includes the review of the updated Annual Special Education Plan and application for federal funding.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

I find a growing dislike of taking car trips on holiday week-ends. Heavy traffic, reservation problems, rates, etc. Yet, lots of people do just that. I watched traffic on Route 460 awhile and noted that most of it was headed East. Guessed that meant Virginia Beach, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, etc. This apparent paradox is not hard to explain. Human nature being what it is, we tend to forget mosquitoes, rain, and unpleasant experiences on a trip, and are ready go take off on a new venture at the very next opportunity. So, if you took a Fourth of July week-end trip, hope it was great. May I add that I miss the old-fashioned July Fourth celebration of a generation or two ago. A parade if possible, food, a ball game and an hour long patriotic speech by a visiting orator. No tickets to buy or sell, no commercials, no lottery, just pure love of country and its flag. Note: on my calendar, the next holiday is two months away, Labor Day.

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Big Event coming up. The Boy Scouts of America have set July 24-30, 1985 for a National Jamboree, at Fort A. P. Hill, near Bowling Green, Va. Likely to draw some 30,000.

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A hole-in-one is the dream of most golfers. Bo House did himself proud with a hole-in-one at Falling River Course June 28.

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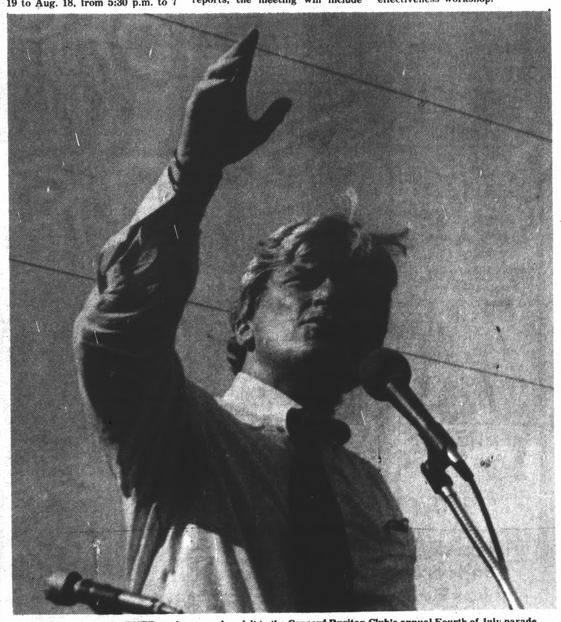
Thanks to Mrs. Frances Paulette for passing on to me several newspapers from Kenya, Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Wooldridge, of Appomattox, recently visited her brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Laura Stewart, who are serving as missionaries in Africa. They brought back current issues of newspapers in Kenya, including one "De Telegraaf" printed in Dutch. The Wooldridges recently retired, moving back to Appomattox from Covington. I recall them well as regular subscribers to this paper all during my ownership. Thanks. And good to hear of the fine career of the Stewarts. All friends here should be proud of success for dedicated area people in a challenging field. I found the papers from Kenya fascinating. Sports pages featured mostly crickett, tennis, and track. Athletes from Kenya have attained world champion rank, especially in distance running. And the language features, to me, such long words. My spelling would not hold up, with such words as "weersvoorulzichten" or "Gelegenheidakleiding". A headline on the front page of De Telegraaf reads: "Aftrakbaarheid schilderwerk weer inzet." I remember that the native language of Wales has many long words. I would fail trying to teach spelling, but there is scant excuse for lack of interest in the great world in which we are privileged to live. Thanks for reading and seeya around.



U.S. SEN. JOHN WARNER made a surprise visit to the Concord Ruritan Club's annual Fourth of July parade and picnic Monday. Warner, who was making a campaign sweep through Central Virginia, stopped by to chat with Concord residents and enjoy the festivities. A large crowd of Concord-area residents enjoyed the many activities at the Independence Day celebration. Another parade photo is featured on page 11 inside. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer)

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